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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): An application control system for use in an environment including a plurality of smartcards and terminals, a plurality of host systems each adapted to interact with some or all of the smartcards and terminals, said smartcards and terminals including a multiple application operating system,

said system including at least card software located on said smartcards, terminal software located on said terminals, control software located on one or more remotely located processing devices, and a database in communication with at least said remotely located processing devices, said database including details of which applications are permitted to be loaded onto which smartcards and/or terminals, said card software, said terminal software and said control software co-operating so as to utilise utilize the operating system on each smartcard or terminal to download and/or delete applications on each smartcard or terminal, such that said system provides a software system which enables the remote loading and deletion of applications independent of the operating system on each smartcard or terminal.

2. (Currently amended): A system according to claim 1, wherein said control software in cooperation with said database maintains details of the smartcards and terminals forming part of the system, a set of possible applications which can be loaded onto the smartcards and/or terminals, and details of which applications are permitted or required to be loaded onto selected smartcards and terminals.

3. (Currently amended): A system according to claim 1, wherein when a smartcard or terminal is brought on line with the system, the system identifies the smartcard or terminal and determines whether a new application needs to be loaded or an existing application needs to be removed, and the control software in cooperation with the

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smartcard and/or terminal software cooperate to issue appropriate commands to the smartcard or terminal operating system to load or delete said applications.

4. (Currently amended): A process for arranging the lease of capacity on one or more smartcards for utilisation utilization by an application provider, for use in an environment including a plurality of smartcards and terminals, a plurality of host systems each adapted to interact with some or all of the smartcards and terminals, said smartcards and terminals including a multiple application operating system, and a system including at least card software located on said smartcards, terminal software located on said terminals, control software located on one or more remotely located processing devices, and a database in communication with at least said remotely located processing devices, said database including details of which applications are permitted to be loaded onto which smartcards and/or terminals, said process including the steps of:

(a) the application provider requesting a search, using a set of user defined criteria, of said database in order to locate terminals and/or smartcards on which the application provider desires may wish to load an application;

(b) the control software conducting a search and returning a report to the application provider;

(c) the application provider confirming his desire to the control software to rent space;

(d) the control software requesting approval from the one or more smartcard and/or terminal owners for the application provider to rent space;

(e) the smartcard and/or terminal owner sending an approval to the control software; and

(f) the control software sending a confirmation that the lease has been approved to the application provider.

5. (Currently amended): The [[A]] process according to claim 4, wherein the process further includes the steps of:

(g) the control software sending an encryption key to the application provider

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to enable their submission of their application for downloading to the specified smartcards and/or terminals;

(h) the application provider sending a copy of their application encrypted using the encryption key to the control software; and

(i) the control software updating the database so that it indicates that the application is to be loaded onto the specified smartcards and/or terminals when next they are online with the system.

6. (Currently amended): A process for arranging the lease of capacity on one or more smartcards for utilization utilization by application provider, for use in an environment including a plurality of smartcards and terminals, a plurality of host systems each adapted to interact with some or all of the smartcards and terminals, said smartcards and terminals including a multiple application operating system, and a system including at least card software located on said smartcards, terminal software located on said terminals, control software located on one or more remotely located processing devices, and a database in communication with at least said remotely located processing devices, said database including details of which applications are permitted to be loaded onto which smartcards and/or terminals, said processing including the steps of:

a) the application provider requesting a search of said database, using a set of user defined criteria, in order to locate terminals and/or smartcards on which the application provider may wish to load an application;

b) the application provider receiving a report based on a search conducted by the control software;

c) the application provider confirming his desire to the control software to rent space; and

d) the application provider receiving confirmation from the control software that the lease has been approved by the smartcard and/or terminal owner.

7. (Currently amended): The [[A]] process according to claim 6, wherein the process

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further includes the step of:

- e) the application provider receiving an encryption key from the control software to enable their submission of their application for downloading to the specified smartcards and/or terminals; and
- f) the application provider sending to the control software, a copy of their application encrypted using the encryption key.

8. (Currently amended): A process for arranging the lease of capacity on one or more smartcards for utilisation utilization by an application provider, for use in an environment including a plurality of smartcards and terminals, a plurality of host systems each adapted to interact with some or all of the smartcards and terminals, said smartcards and terminals including a multiple application operating system and a system including at least card software located on said smartcards, terminal software located on said terminals, control software located on one or more remotely located processing devices, and a database in communication with at least said remotely located processing devices, said database including details of which applications are permitted to be loaded onto which smartcards and/or terminals, said processing including the steps of:

- a) the control software receiving a request from the application provider to conduct a search of the database, using a set of user defined criteria in order to locate terminals and/or smartcards on which the application provider desires may wish to load an application;
- b) the control software conducting a search and transmitting a report based on the results of the search to the application provider;
- c) the control software receiving a confirmation from the application provider confirming his desire to rent space;
- d) the control software requesting approval from the one or more smartcard and/or terminals owners for the application provider to rent space;
- e) the control software receiving an approval from the smartcard and/or terminal owners; and
- f) the control software sending a confirmation to the application provider that

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the lease has been approved.

9. (Currently amended): The [[A]] process according to claim 8, wherein the process further includes the steps of:

- g) the control software sending an encryption key to the application provider to enable their submission of their application for downloading to the specified smartcards and/or terminals;
- h) the control software receiving from the application provider, a copy of the application provider's application, encrypted using the encryption key; and
- i) the control software updating the database so that it indicates that the application is to be loaded onto the specified smartcards and/or terminals when next they are online with the system.

10. -25 (Canceled)

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